<u>Pradeep Soundararajan Progress Report for 2007</u>

List of events for Pradeep in 2007 (and not achievements, remember)

Date	Event	Type
Jan 1	Hired by James Bach to represent Satisfice Inc in India	Honor, Reputation, Credibility & Responsibility
Jan 9	Presented a class on Multimedia Testing – Tools, Tips, Techniques and Tricks at Stag Software, Bangalore.	Coaching & Learning
Jan 13	Webinar of James Bach – RASTO, Satisfice Moodle	Learning
Jan 15 – 31	Michael Bolton in Bangalore	Learning
Jan 16 - 20	Invitee at StepIN Summit Conference, Bangalore	Networking & Learning
Jan 29 – 31	Co presented Rapid Software Testing with Michael Bolton for Satisfice's Multi Billion Dollar Client in Bangalore	Coaching, Learning and Practice
Jan 31	Michael Bolton meet with Bangalore Testers at NDS	Organizing events, Learning & Networking
Feb 5	Voted as one of the top 3 speakers at IFSTEP 06 Software Testing Conference, Hyderabad	Reputation & Credibility
Feb 10	Meet with testers – Bangalore	Problem Solving, Networking, Learning and Coaching
Feb 10 - 20	Testing services: SBTM tool testing	Practice & Learning
Feb 22	Meet with Natarajan, Practice Head – Testing, Trigent Software, Bangalore	Learning & Networking
Mar 1	Interviewed by Michael Hunter, Expert Tester of Microsoft for DDJ	Honor, Reputation & Credibility
Mar 2	Received a gift from Michael Bolton: A table and chair to work	Honor, Responsibility
Mar 3	Meet with testers – Bangalore Skilled Testers meet – NDS, Bangalore	Learning, Networking, Organizing Events
Mar 14	Rapid Software Testing Exercise – Training : Ionidea, Bangalore	Coaching, Problem Solving & Practice
Mar 16	Rapid Software Testing Exercise – Training: Huawei Technologies, Bangalore	Coaching, Problem Solving & Practice
Mar 19	Rapid Software Testing Exercise – Training: Hasten Technologies, Bangalore	Coaching, Problem Solving & Practice
Mar 20	Rapid Software Testing Exercise – Training : Dell R&D Services, Bangalore	Coaching, Problem Solving & Practice
Mar 22	Rapid Software Testing Exercise – Training : Celstream Technologies, Bangalore	Coaching, Problem Solving & Practice
Mar 23 – 25	Online Testing Services for a client based in UK	Practice & Learning

Mar 28 – 29	Testing Services: Book publishing company based in India	Practice & Learning
Mar 31	Rapid Software Testing Exercise – Training : Syduk Datasoft, Chennai	Coaching, Problem Solving & Practice
April 5 – 12	Compilation of James Bach's writing	Learning
April 20	Meet with Arun Ramu – Vice President (Testing), Infosys - at Infosys, Bangalore	Honor, Learning & Networking
April 21	Meet with Vipul Kocher, Co founder – PureTesting	Honor, Learning & Networking
April 28	Exercises for a testers mind – Rapid Software Testing – Public Workshop – Bangalore	Coaching, Learning, Practice & Networking
May 1 – 17	Review of Jerry Weinberg's upcoming book on Software Testing	Honor & Learning
May 14	Launch of Audio Podcast Series – Testing Stories from India on Tester Tested blog	Learning, Practice
May 19	Interview of Michael Hunter, Expert Tester, Microsoft for Tester Tested blog	Learning, Networking
May 26	Exercises for a testers mind – Rapid Software Testing – Public Workshop – Bangalore	Coaching, Learning, Practice & Networking
May 30	Rapid Software Testing Exercise – Training: FEAST, Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai	Honor, Credibility, Reputation & Learning
Jun 7	Became the youngest Test Manager of India after being hired by TriVium Systems in Bangalore (Portland based Leader in Converge Communication IT products and services) and managing products and services divisions of TriVium	Honor, Reputation, Credibility, Learning & Practice
Jun 17	Testers Meet – Bangalore	Learning, Problem Solving & Networking
July 5	Invited Speaker – Global Testing Conference of IBM – Testing Sharenet, Bangalore + Meet with Renu Rajani – Head - IBM Testing	Honor, Learning, Reputation, Credibility & Networking
July 28	Exercises for a testers mind – Rapid Software Testing – Public Workshop – Bangalore	Coaching, Learning, Practice & Networking
Aug 1	Hired 2 of my blog readers for Exploratory Testing at TriVium Systems	Announcement
Aug 4	Corporate Workshop on Rapid Software Testing – Telelogic India Pvt Ltd	Coaching, Learning, Practice & Networking
Aug 16	Plagiarism of 3 of my articles came to light – I wanted to stop blogging at Tester Tested blog	Learning
Aug 19	QAI International Conference on Software Testing, Bangalore	Learning, Problem Solving & Networking
Aug 19	Membership of Association for Software Testing – North America	Learning
Aug 20	Black Box Software Testing Online Course from Dr Cem Kaner	Learning & Practice
Sep 6	Virtual Training: Giving better feedback: Elizabeth Hendrickson	Learning & Practice
Sep 11	Managed and Executed India's first SBTM Exploratory Testing project	Practice, Learning, Credibility & Practice
Sep 29	Half day tutorial: Exercises for a Testers mind: Bangalore	Coaching, Learning &

		Practice
Oct 5 – Nov 25	Review of Software Testing Course Accreditation for Indian Testing Board	Learning, Credibility & Practice
Oct 10	Black Box Software Testing by Dr Cem Kaner, Scott Barber, and Ben Simo	Learning & Practice
Oct 17	Core Member of Test Action Group	Announcement & Networking
Oct 30	Included in the list of Noteworthy people of Michael Bolton	Honor, Credibility & Learning
Nov 1	Selected to write "Problem Solving Expert" column for CNN IBN's new portal (due to launch)	Honor, Credibility, Reputation, Writing
Nov 3	Interviewed by DSeq, Director of TV18 for CNN IBN's new portal (due to launch)	Announcement, Credibility, Reputation, Writing
Nov 7	MOU with Edista Testing – QAI venture to take Exercises for a testers mind workshop all over India	Credibility, Reputation, Coaching, Announcement
Nov 15	Rapid Exploratory Testing for a product that I test and manage - results in uncovering ~ 600% more bugs than the scripted testing approach for a given set of time and release cycle.	Credibility, Learning, Practice
Nov 18	Testers Meet – Bangalore	Learning, Problem Solving & Networking
Nov 27	Invited to present Workshop and a Paper at Asia Pacific Software Testing Conference at Malaysia scheduled in Feb 08	Honor, Coaching, Networking, Credibility & Reputation
Dec 1	Bangalore Public Workshop - Bangalore – Edista Testing – Exercises for a Testers mind	Coaching, Problem Solving, Learning & Networking
Dec 9	Meet with Vishal – Founder of Process Works Group	Learning & Networking
Dec 12	Review of Software Testing Course Accreditation for Indian Testing Board	Learning & Credibility
Dec 13	Jonathan Bach sent me CAST 07 DVD	Learning
Dec 15	Chennai Public Workshop – Edista Testing – Exercises for a Testers mind	Coaching, Problem Solving, Learning & Networking

New skills I gained, practiced and feel better about

- People management
- Crisis management
- Immunity to politics in management

Books that influenced my thought process in 2007

- An Introduction to General Systems Thinking by Gerald M Weinberg
- Blink – Malcom Gladwell
- Illusions – Richard Bach
- Solving problems the Birbal way – Louis Vas
- Jerry Weinberg's not yet released book on Software Testing
- I know it when I see it – A modern fable about quality – John Guaspari (Thanks to Ben Simo for sending it from US)

List of things I consider that I screwed up (or failed) in 2007

- BBST course
- Communication with a client and colleague
- Misinterpreted a mission, failed to identify traps and clear them.
- Acquiring math skills
- Demonstrating humility that I possess

Blog posts from Tester Tested (that had a bigger influence than other posts to my journey in 2007)

- I am Satisficed
- There is no four and six in testing
- The 2 hour Mirchi Test Masala
- The negatives of negative testing
- Exercises that exercise a testers mind
- Why is testing monotonous? The unspoken truth!
- Indian testers and Fake Experience [Podcast]
- The story of a monk who sold bugs
- Notes from spying test experts
- The most challenging software testing quiz
- Jony Jony, Yes Papa! Following Process, Yes papa! Telling Lies, Ha ha ha!

Passionate students I gained in 2007

- Sathish Kumar Chinappa
- Amith Prakash
- Rajesh Kumar

Testing skills that I am much better at as compared to 2006 (that I practiced and learned from failures)

- Questioning
- Brainstorming
- Critical Thinking
- Communicating
- Writing
- Coaching and setting traps
- Learning
- Situational Awareness
- Getting conscious about my own testing, the environment and the changes happening to it.
- Appreciating testers for their skills and knowledge.

A friend whom I gained this year who kept me going:

- Joseph Ben Simo

A final note

The year 2007 started great for me with James Bach and Michael Bolton hiring me. I had a little doubt if I deserved it but I said to myself, "If I don't deserve it today, I should work hard to ensure I deserve it at least by the end of the year" and today on January 1 2008, I feel, I deserve it. I didn't misuse or rest myself the credits that I had been bestowed with. Some people continue to say that I have been lucky and I know what a perfect joke they crack because I don't think luck can be as continuous as how it appeared to be for me.

I needed financial support at the start of the year 2007 but passion and hard work, over a period of time ensured that I become one of the highest paid tester for my age category in India. At the start of the year, I had to rely on James Bach and Michael Bolton for a laptop, chair and table to work but as days progressed I earned enough to buy a car, home and I plan for a travel to Canada in July 08 to attend CAST 08 conference. When I asked Michael, *"What should I return back to you?"*, he said something like, *"I passed it on to you and I think you should pass it on, too, which I think you are doing"*. I spend enough of my time and money in educating testers, teaching them for free, gifting books to deserving ones and helping them to think to solve their own problems.

I think this is what happened to me: I realized that if I do 20 things, 1 out of 20 comes out great. I wanted to do 100 great things, so the only way I could do it is to do 2000 things. In doing 2000 things, I learned why I could see a great output in only 1 out of 20 attempts and not in all 20.

I want to acknowledge a lot of people for all the things that I learned / happened by/to me in 2007 but the list is just too huge and I don't want to miss out a single person. If you are reading this with interest and enjoyed my success or failure, you deserve a "Thank you!"